

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

STEVEN WAYNE SMITH,

Petitioner,

Case No. 1:07-cv-1018

v

HON. JANET T. NEFF

CARMEN PALMER,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

This is a habeas corpus petition filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The matter was referred to the Magistrate Judge, who issued a Report and Recommendation, recommending that this Court deny the petition. The Report and Recommendation was duly served on the parties. No objections have been filed, see 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), and the Court issues this Final Order [*See RULES GOVERNING § 2254 CASES*, Rule 11 (referring to the order disposing of a habeas petition as a “final order”).]

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge (Dkt 22) is APPROVED and ADOPTED as the opinion of the Court and the petition for habeas corpus relief (Dkt 1) is DENIED for the reasons stated in the Report and Recommendation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certificate of appealability pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c) is DENIED as to each issue asserted. *See RULES GOVERNING § 2254 CASES*, Rule 11 (requiring the district court to “issue or deny a certificate of appealability when it enters a final

order"). Petitioner has not demonstrated that reasonable jurists would find the Court's rulings debatable or wrong. *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000); *Murphy v. Ohio*, 263 F.3d 466, 466-67 (6th Cir. 2001).

Date: April 19, 2010

/s/Janet T. Neff

JANET T. NEFF

United States District Judge